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E. O. 11652: N/ A
TAGS: EAID BG
SUBJ: OPIC: VINNELL- ZACHRY- PERINI (VZP) CLAIM: LCM BOATS

REF: STATE 092454

1. USAID ENGINEER BROWN' S FULL REPORT ON LCM BOATS
BEING FORWARDED OPIC PER PARA ONE REFTEL.

2. UNAWARE OF WHAT ENCOMBRANCES OR LIABILITIES CONNECTED WITH LCM
7-6 ARE REFERRED TO IN PARA 2 REFTEL. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDING VZP
POSITION ON THIS BOAT IS THAT IT OPERABLE, VZP WANTS TO USE IT
ON PRESENT PROJECT, AND VZP WILLING OFFER REPURCHASE BOAT AFTER
RECOVERY AND EXAMINATION BOAT' S CONDITION, AS VZP DID WITH PRIOR
RECOVERIES. SUGGEST OPIC PROVIDE DRAFT OF LETTER TO VZP WHICH
WILL FULFILL ALL OPIC REQUIREMENTS IF THIS REGARD.

3. RE LCM 7-7 (PARA 3, REFTEL), EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING
OPIC' S RATIONALE FOR PREFERRING THAT RELEASE OF INOPERABLE LCM
BOAT 7-7 BE HANDLED AS GIFT FROM OPIC RATHER THAN AS VZP QUSN-
CLAIM TO BANGLADESH ARMY ENGINEERS. WHAT WE SEEKING FIND IS WAY
OPIC CAN RECOVER USABLE LCM 7-6 WHICH CAN THEN BE RESOLD TO VZP ON
NEGOTIATED TERMS, WITHOUT OPIC HAVING TO BE SADDLED WITH REPAIR
CLAIM FOR LCM 7-7 (WHICH REPORTEDLY NOT WORTHWHILE RESTORING TO
OPERATION) AND WITHOUT USG HAVING TO BE FACED WITH CUSTOMS OR
OTHER
LIABILITIES WHICH MIGHT ATTACH TO GIFT. CUSTOMS EXEMPTION WOULD
LIKELY REQUIRE FORMAL AND PROBABLY LENGTHY BDG ACTION. WE ARE TOLD
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ROUGHLY 100 VELHCLES BEING DONATED BY UNICEF TO BDG HAD BEEN HELD UP AT CHITTAGONG DOCKS BECAUSE OF INTER- MINISTERIAL CUSTOMS IMBROGLIO. EMBASSY RELUCTANT BECOME INVOLVED IN SIMILAR PROBLEM OVER " GIFT" OF LCM BOAT TO BDG. GIFT FURTHERMORE MAY REQUIRE

CLEARANCE THROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION AND RELIEF & REHABILITATION, FINANCE, DEFENSE, FOREIGN AND PERHAPS OTHER MINISTRIES.

4. BD ARMY ENGINEERS ALREADY IN POSSESSION OF BOAT 7-7 AND NOW SEEM WILLING KEEP IT WITHOUT PUSHING REPAIR CLAIM (DACCA 1201) IN EXCHANGE FOR SOME KIND OF DOCUMENT WHICH SAYS VZP/ OPIC NO LONGER WANTS IT. CAN OPIC' S LEGAL ADVISORS COME UP WITH DOCUMENT OR FORMULA WHICH WILL FACILITATE MATTER, PROTECT USG INTERESTS AND GET GOOD LCM BOAT BACK? PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
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